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SUBJECT: BLITZER: GOI MAY PROTEST PROVISION OF  
HAWKS TO JORDAN

1. IN MAY 7 FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE FROM WASHINGTON, BLITZER(IN BOTH JERUSALEM POSTAND AL-HAMISHMAR) CITES" INFORMED SOURCES" IN REPORTING THAT GOI IS EXPECTED TO LODGE A PROTEXT SHORTLY WITH THEU STATEDEPARTMEN AGAINST THE DECISION LASTWEEK TO SUPPLY JORDAN WITH 200 HAWK ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES." BLITZER ADDS THAT AS OF AFTERNOON MAY 6 ISRAEL HAD NOT REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF HAWK AGREEMENT, BUT THAT AMB DINITZ IS DUE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY" WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS."

2. ARTICLE POINTS OUT TE SECEF SCHLESINGER SAID LAST MONTH THAT US" WOULD BE RELUCTANT" TO ENTER INTO NEW ARMS COMMITMENTS WITH MIDEAST COUNTRIES PENDING COMPLETION OF REASSESSMENT AND THAT WASHINGTON HAS SUSPNEDED ALL TALKS WITH ISRAEL ABOUT NEW ARMS DEALS, INCLUDING THOSE  
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CONCERNING F-15 AND LANCE MISSILES.

3. BLITZER CITES" OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS"  
AS SAYING ISRAEL CONTINUES TO RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL  
MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN IN PIPELINE  
FOR SOME TIME, AND MENTIONS SPECIFICALLY FACT  
THAT " ISRAEL HAD RECEIVE 200 TANKS DURING APRIL."  
ACCORDING TO THESE OFFICIAL, THERE IS NO WAY TO  
EQUATE QUALITATIVELY THE AIR-DEFENSE EQUIPMENT  
WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED TO JORDAN WITH THE SOPHISTICATED  
LAUNCH OFFENSIVE MISSILES AND LASER-GUIDED BOMBS  
REQUESTED BY ISRAEL.

4. ARTICLE ALSO CONTAINS EXTENSIVE REFERENCES  
TO THOSE PORTIONS OF SECRETARY'S MAY 5 NBC TELE-  
VISION INTERVIEW RELATING TO REASSESSMENT AND ARMS  
SUPPLY ISSUE, INCLUDING STATEMENT BY SECRETARY  
THAT US " IS DEFINITELY NOT TILTING TOWARDS THE  
ARABS" IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THAT THERE IS EVENHANDED  
-NESS IN US TREATMENT OF ISRAEL AND THE ARABS,  
AND THAT SALE OF HAWK SYSTEM TO JORDAN HAD BEEN  
IN NEGOTIATION FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR " AND JUST  
HAPPENED" TO BE CONSUMED AT THIS TIME.

5. ALL HEBREW PAPERS CARRYING BASICALLY SAME STORY IN  
PROMINENT FASHION.  
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